

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

These remarks are in response to the Office Action dated March 10, 2005. Claims 1-35 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 3, 6, 15, 17 have been amended. Claims 2, 5, 16, and 26-35 are cancelled. Applicant has added new claims 36- 47. Accordingly claims 1, 3-4, 6-15, 17-25 and 36-47 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicated that claims 5-12, 14, 16-23, and 25 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 5. Independent claim 15 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 16. Accordingly, independent claims 1 and 15 are now in allowable form. Claims 3, 4, 6-14 and 17-25 are also allowable since they depend from allowable base claims. Applicant does not concede that the claims as originally filed are not patentable and reserves the right to file a continuation application containing such claims should the Applicant desire. Nonetheless, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

New Claims

New claims 36-47 are computer readable medium claims which are of similar scope as method claims 1, 3, 4 and 6-14. Applicant respectfully submits that therefore they are also allowable.

Conclusion

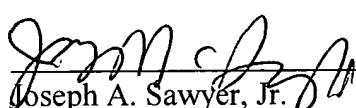
In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 1, 3-4, 6-15, 17-25 and 36-47 are allowable over the cited references. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the claims as now presented.

Applicants' attorney believes that this application is in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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